

Preliminary Amendment  
U.S. National Stage of PCT/JP2004/014561  
Our ref: B-5926PCT 623364-3  
March 29, 2006  
Page 3

Amendments to the Claims

The Applicants note that the claims in this application were amended under PCT Article 19 by the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), wherein Claims 1-18 on published pages 21-24 were replaced with Claims 1-17 as set forth on amended sheets 21, 21/1, 22, 22/1 and 24. A copy of the Article 19 Amendment and its English language translation is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.